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Dear David,

As I promised, here are pertinent excerpts from the letter I received about the kidnapping of Ambassador Dubs.

"...some of the details of the kidnapping of the U. S. Ambassador, which will probably never be published.

"We were on our way to work in the service car, because I'd stopped at the post office in Shar-e-Naw to get airgrams. It could have been as late as 0835h when in front of the American Center our way was blocked by a closed van and the ambassadors car, side by side. When I looked up to see what was causing the delay, a man in the field office of the Afghan army with the automatic rifle, which is standard issue to the infantry combat units here, was getting into the back part of the vehicle from the left side. It was one smooth movement to get himself and the weapon inside and shut the door. Through the rear window I could see that he had placed it vertically, butt on the floor. I thought how nice that they gave the ambassador an armed guard these days, but that the rear of the car seemed rather crowded.

"The van remained stationary and the car moved ahead, we behind it. At the corner, where those antique shops are, both vehicles turned right and at the "T" junction we turned right and they left. All perfectly natural.

".....I am very angry."

Let me repeat, David, that the reporter of this incident is still in Kabul and any waves would upset the person's safety- it shouldn't be too difficult to figure which car, as I'm sure they have heard something from the Afghan driver. Their tour of duty should end by Dec./Jan and then-when I let you know that this is the case, I'm sure you would have full cooperation from the party in exchange for confidentiality.

Welcome back to the States!

Best Wishes,
J.M.